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SUBJECT: SPECIAL ENVOY FOR MANPADS -- INDONESIAN HAS
QUESTIONS ON ASSISTANCE

REF: SECSTATE 30482

¶1. (U) We conveyed to Indonesian counterparts on March 25 reftel announcement of the appointment of the Special Envoy for MANPADS Threat Reduction. We noted that the creation of this position underscored the importance that the United States attached to the effective control of such weapons. It was particularly important to keep MANPADS out of the hands of terrorists. We outlined the various types of assistance available, as described reftel.

¶2. (U) Contacts in the Office of Disarmament and International Security at the Department of Foreign Affairs (DEPLU) thanked us for the information and the offer of assistance. They said that Indonesia shared the USG view of the importance of effective national control of MANPADS in the context of the battle against terrorism. Indonesia had national laws to regulate the possession of firearms and explosive bombs, including MANPADS, in the form of Law No. 12/1951 and Law No. 2/2002.

¶3. (U) They noted further that U.S. Transportation Security Authority (TSA) had offered Indonesia assistance in the form of a MANPADS Vulnerability Assessment (MVA) at Ngurah Rai Airport Bali. Indonesia believed it possessed sufficient capacity to identify and assess the threat of the illegal use of MANPADS. Indonesia was prepared to share this assessment with other interested countries. That said, Indonesia remained open in principle to technical assistance and expertise, if needed, and in that regard would appreciate having more details of the outreach training under MANPADS Assist Visits (MAV).

¶4. (U) Our DEPLU contacts also requested further clarification of what USG understood under reftel references to multilateral diplomatic initiatives to reduced MANPADS transfers and production technology proliferation, specifically: multilateral efforts on export control and guidelines; bilateral consultations on specific exports; diplomatic interdictions activities; and sanction recommendations. They noted that Indonesia had reservations regarding diplomatic interdiction activities and

international sanctions as a matter of policy. Mission will follow up directly with PM/WRA to obtain further details.

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